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The Buxton ~~is~~ first mentioned in Virginia is in Major Gen. Richard Bennett's will, dated March 15, 1674, proved August 3, 1676, where he names Richard, son of Thomas Buxton, when he becomes of age, to inherit land on Bennett's Creek, Nansemond County, Va., ~~be~~ ^{Richard} ~~Thomas~~ Buxton married Anna Pleasants, a daughter of Anna Pleasants, a widow of the city of Norwick, as per her will proved April 14, 1665, Norfolk Archdeaconry Court Register 1664, pg. 211.

John Pleasants was her father. (Ref: Nansemond Co., Va., in 1799, Listed Vol. III of the Norfolk, Virginia Antiquary). Thomas Buxton came from Yorkshire, England, to Virginia, with Colonial Governor Richard Bennett, who was Governor of Virginia and Maryland from 1652 - 1657, both men having served with Cromwell's army. Thomas Buxton settled on Nansemond River in Virginia.

The North Carolina records show Edward Buxton, 1739, patent Edgecombe district, 160 acres; Samuel Buxton, patent for 350 acres, called "Craven", September 9, 1737, Northampton Co., N. C. Samuel Buxton was in New Kent Co., Va., in 1716. Samuel Buxton died in the early part of the year, 1743. His will is dated Feb. 11, 1743, and probated Feb. court 1743-1744. He mentions his wife, Ann, sons, Samuel, William, George, Jacob and Lewis; daughters, Ann and Petronelia. At a meeting of the Vestry of the Old ~~Globe~~ Church, Lower Suffolk Parish (Parish established 1642) Nansemond Co., Va., for July 15, 1749, John Buxton is mentioned as being present. This may be the John Buxton who later lived and died in Maryland. Other extracts from the vestry records show: at a meeting of the vestry May 12, 1757, James Buxton acted as Clerk of the Vestry.

At a Vestry meeting held for Suffolk Parish, May 5, 1769, to appoint church warden~~s~~, Thomas Buxton, Gent., was elected church warden.

At a Vestry meeting held for Suffolk Parish, the 27th day of September 1777, Nathaniel Buxton is elected vestryman in the room of James Pugh, dec's't.

At a Vestry meeting held for Suffolk Parish the 28th of March 1780, James Buxton is elected vestryman in the room of Nathaniel Buxton, who is removed out of the Parish.

It is probable that Edward and Samuel of North Carolina, John of Maryland, and James and Thomas of Virginia, were brothers and were sons of Richard Buxton of Nansemond Co., Va.

The first Census of the United States was taken in 1790. In this census, in Nansemond Co., Va., James Buxton is listed with a family of seven whites and ten blacks.

The records in the Court House, Portsmouth, Virginia, show that James Buxton bought a piece of land in Portsmouth in 1798, 12th day of April, -"between John Price and Sarah, his wife, of the town of Portsmouth, Virginia, on the one part and James Buxton of the same town of the other part, sold for 35 pounds in hand paid by James Buxton, a half lot of land ----- was intersection of Crabe and Washington Streets and on Dinwiddie Street -----"

James Buxton was a trustee of Yeates Free School, 1778-1799, from the Vestry records of Lower Parish of Nansemond County.

James Buxton, Nansemond Co., Va., Ensign, 4th Virginia,

Militia, 28th September 1776, 2nd Lieutenant, Feb. 1777, resigned 1st December 1777. (Reference:- Heitman (F.B.) "Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army". Washington, 1892)

James Buxton, served three years in army then came home with wound, was Lieutenant. (Reference:- from Rejected Claims, which was later presented by his heirs not named). James Buxton, Lieutenant, 4th Virginia Regiment was paid a pension beginning Dec. 22, 1810, and increased April 24, 1816. (Reference:- Pensions, in Virginia State Archives.) James Buxton had four sons:- Josiah, John, William and Thomas, ^{James}.

List of Virginia Officers in the Continental Line published in Vol. 11, pg. 254, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography: - Susan N. Buxton was a grand daughter of Lieut. James Buxton, soldier in the Revolution, and his wife, Martha Lockhart Buxton, of Nansemond County. Susan Buxton married in 1834, John L. Porter, Constructor in the U. S. Navy, who resigned at the outbreak of the Civil War to join the Confederate forces. He served the Confederacy as a Naval Architect and designed the "Merrimac" of the famous Monitor and Merrimac fight. James Buxton and Miss Sally Lockhart (Lockhart) were married May 18, 1812, from Marriage Bonds of Norfolk County. (The name is printed Locklart, but it is highly probable that the transcriber mistook the letters and the name is Lockhart - a sister or relative of Martha Lockhart, the first wife).

Thomas A. Buxton, son of James Buxton, was born in Portsmouth (or Norfolk) in 1798, and died in Northampton Co., N.C. in 1855. His wife, Mildred Perry Buxton was born in 1803, and died in 1872. It is probable that Mildred Perry was the daughter of William

Perry who went from North Carolina to Tennessee before 1800 and for whom Perryville, Tennessee, is named. There is available an enormous amount of material on the Perry family and the name, Millicent, is found repeatedly. It may have been shortened to "Milly" in our Grandmother's case, and her name not have been Mildred originally.

Mrs. Watson Winslow, Hartford, N.C. wrote a history of Perguimous Co. N. C. in which there is a great deal of material on the Perry family.

Thomas Buxton, though born in Virginia lived and died in North Carolina. He may have left Nansemond County and moved in to the neighboring county of Northampton, N. C., because he had Buxton kinsmen already living there, the descendants of Samuel Buxton.

My father, James A. Buxton, born in 1845, in Northampton County, North Carolina always told me he had been named for his grandfather, James Buxton, of Portsmouth, Virginia.

There were several James Buxton's who lived about this time. Rev. James B. Buxton of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, was present at the dedication of Christ Church in Norfolk, November 9, 1828. Nancy Camm married Rev. Mr. Buxton of North Carolina, died without issue. Reference:- 4W (1) 277.

There is a James Buxton, Revolutionary War soldier of Rhode Island, from whom a number of D.A.R. members trace descent; these New England Buxtons were an entirely separate family from those who settled in Nansemond County, Virginia.

The Nansemond County Court House has been destroyed by

fire three times, in the course of its long history. Consequently, it is very difficult to find documentary proof that James Buxton, Revolutionary War Soldier, was the son of Richard Buxton, but both lived and owned land in Nansemond Co. and it is probable that he was.